

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

JAMES STUELKE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. **4:17-cv-00801-FJG**

INSULATING COATINGS CORPORATION,

et al.,

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

PLAINTIFF, James Stuelke, and DEFENDANTS, Insulating Coatings Corporation and T.D. Wilson Painting, Inc., provide the following joint status report, as required by the Court's order dated September 3, 2020 (Doc. 106).

The parties agree there is not an extraordinary need to hold a civil jury trial at the earliest possible setting; however, they are unable to agree as to whether to consent to a bench trial. Accordingly, the parties advise the Court they prefer to wait to hold a civil jury trial until community spread of COVID-19 is abated and the Western District of Missouri has returned to normal operating procedures.

This matter was unsuccessfully mediated on January 24, 2018; however, the parties are engaged in settlement discussions. They do not believe referral to a mediator will assist in the resolution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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